

Parish of Kilsherdany & Drung

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

11 October 2026



Weekend Masses This Week:

Church of Immaculate Conception, Drung

Sat 10th - 8.00 pm - Eddie Cusack, Bunnoe

- Gene & Adrian Sheridan and the deceased members of the Brady & Sheridan families

Wed 14th - 6-8pm - **Eucharistic Adoration**

Thu 15th - **NO WEEKDAY MASS**

Sat 17th - 8.00 pm - (1st Anniv) Annie Dowd, Lisgannon, Tullyco & her husband Pat (11th Anniv)

- Jim, Susan, Liam, Paul, Edward Keogh, Susanna Maria Tiernan, Phil Gilsean, &

Siobhan Keogh Smith

- Mary Ann & Pat Fay, Killarue and all deceased members of the Fay family

St Mary's Church, Bunnoe

Sat 10th - NO MASS

Wed 14th - **NO WEEKDAY MASS**

Sat 17th - 11.00 am - **Special Intention Mass for the Lundy Family of Rahoran:**

(Month's Memory) Thomas Lundy, (1st Anniv) Teresa Lundy, and remembering her dad James Lundy and all the Lundy family

St Patrick's Church, Corick

Sun 11th - 9.00 am - Hugh, Pauline & Stephen Sherlock, Lisnageer

Fri 16th - **NO WEEKDAY MASS**

Sun 18th - 10.00 am

St Brigid's Church, Kill

Sun 11th - NO MASS

Tue 13th - **NO WEEKDAY MASS** (However, Eucharistic Adoration will start at 10am)

Tue 13th - 6-7pm - **Eucharistic Adoration**

Sun 18th - NO MASS

There will be **No Weekday Masses** from Tuesday 22 Sept thru Friday 16 October

Drumgoon Parish weekend Mass times:

Saturday 6.30pm - Middle Chapel

Sunday 10.15am - Maudabawn

Sunday 11.30am - Cootehill

Recent Death: Please pray for the soul of Carmel Higgins, Kinawley, Co. Fermanagh and formerly of Drumouna, Drung, sister of Gary Higgins and Bernie McPhillips, who died on Thursday, 1st October 2026, and whose Requiem Funeral Mass took place on Monday 5th October 2026 in the Church of the Immaculate Conception Drung, followed by cremation. May her gentle soul rest in eternal peace.

Important Church Information

Feast Days During Coming Week:

Wednesday 14:	St Callistus I
Thursday 15:	St Teresa of Avila
Friday 16:	St Hedwig, St Margaret Mary Alacoque, St Gall
Saturday 17:	St Ignatius

Parish Pastoral Council – Nominations and Expressions of Interest

As we prepare for the formation of our new Parish Pastoral Council, parishioners are now invited to take part in the process of discernment.

Nomination Forms are available for parishioners who wish to recommend someone whom they believe could make a valuable contribution to the Parish Pastoral Council. Before nominating someone, please speak to the person concerned and ensure that they are willing to allow their name to go forward.

Expression of Interest Forms are also available for anyone who would like to express their own interest in serving on the Parish Pastoral Council, or in becoming involved in another area of parish life.

Forms are available **from the parish office, in person or by email request to**

kilsherdanyanddrungparish@gmail.com. The forms can also be downloaded from **kilmorediocese.ie**.

Completed forms should be returned **to the parish office, to a current committee member, or to Fr Yusuf** no later than **18th October**.

We encourage everyone to give prayerful consideration to who might be called to serve our parish community at this time. Please continue to pray that the Holy Spirit will guide us in discerning the membership of our new Parish Pastoral Council.

PRISONERS' SUNDAY – 11 OCTOBER 2026

This Sunday, 11 October, is Prisoners' Sunday. Bishop Martin Hayes, Bishop of Kilmore and IEC Liaison to the Irish Prison Service, has prepared a reflection for the occasion, inviting us to consider the dignity and needs of those in prison, the importance of rehabilitation, and our Christian call to recognise God's persistent love for every person. The full reflection from Bishop Martin is available on the diocesan website at kilmorediocese.ie.

Reflection for Prisoners' Sunday – 11th October 2026 – 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A.

As of 9th July 2026, almost a tenth of prisoners in the Republic of Ireland, i.e., "520 prisoners were sleeping on mattresses on the floor in overcrowded cells next to unpartitioned toilets.."1. While we must always keep in mind the victims of crime, we on this Prisoners' Sunday, must be alert to the living conditions of prisoners. In order to have any hope of rehabilitation, prisoners need to have their basic human rights respected. While every effort is being made by the Irish Prison Service to provide care for prisoners, the basic problem is that there is not enough space to accommodate all prisoners. We are called to do more by way of developing alternative forms of rehabilitation and / or build more prison space.

In today's Gospel parable, Jesus illustrates the persistent reaching out in love of God to us with the call to us to do the same for others. The responses to the invitation by the king in the Gospel ranged from disinterest and indifference to anger and violence. We may well have the same responses to prisoners arising from our view that they deserve their punishment.

We note in the Gospel parable, that the king persisted in inviting people to the banquet and that eventually, 'the hall was full of guests, bad and good alike'. It's an illustration of how God reaches out to everyone, wanting the very best for each person.

Our prayer on this Prisoners' Sunday is that we reach out to our prisoners, recognising the good and the bad in each other; the good that inspires and the bad that can be redeemed with the communication of God's persistent love. May we respond to God's constant love by ensuring that we give prisoners the respect they are due and the chances of rehabilitation that they deserve.

+ Martin Hayes

Bishop of Kilmore.

IEC liaison to the IPS.

Local Information

The Working Document for the Irish National Synodal Assembly, taking place in Gormanston, Co Meath, on **17 October**, brings together the fruits of five years of prayer, listening and discernment and will guide delegates as they consider and vote on suggested actions to be presented to the bishops of Ireland. While the Assembly marks an important moment in the journey, the Synodal Pathway is now moving towards a new phase of implementation. Everyone is invited to read, pray with, and reflect on the *Working Document* and the question: "What does God want from the Church in Ireland at this time?" Please pray for all those taking part in the Assembly and for the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and visit this link to access the Working Document and find out more: <https://synod.ie/working-document-for-the-national-synodal-assembly-2026-published/>

Fr Thomas O'Reilly - The Man Who Saved Atlanta - Blue Plaque Invitation....
<https://www.catholicdigest.com/travel/the-priest-who-saved-atlanta-fr-tom-oreilly/>

The ULSTER HISTORY CIRCLE

invites you to the unveiling of a blue plaque to commemorate

Fr. Thomas O'Reilly (1830 - 1872)

The Man who Saved Atlanta – American Civil War November 1864



The plaque will be unveiled on Wednesday, 21st October 2026 at 11.30am at Ramor Arts Centre, Main Street, Virginia, A82 PV38. Refreshments will follow in Ramor Arts Centre

RSVP by Monday, 19th October please to – Leslie McKeague, U.H.C. 086 2588488 - lesmck57@yahoo.com

The Ulster History Circle is grateful to Cavan County Council for their financial support towards this plaque.

Kill Altar Society	Oct	Valerie Brady, Sharon Brady, Geraldine Fitzpatrick
Corick Altar Society	Oct	Mary McPhillips
Drung Rotas	Oct	Ministers of the Eucharist: Patrick O'Hare, Kitty Keogh Ministers of the Word: Patrick O'Hare
Bunnoe Rotas	Oct	NO MASSES Altar Society (Flowers): Johanna Daly

Bingo Mon 8pm Bunnoe Community Centre **Drung Bowling Club** Wed 8.45pm Drung Community Centre
Whist: Tue 20 Oct, Tullyvin Community Centre **Tullyvin Bowls** Mon nights 8pm Tullyvin Community Ctr
Cootehill Badminton St Aidan's on Mondays at 8pm. **Set Dancing** Thur 8-9.30pm Gallonray House
Hurling Mon 7.30-8.30pm GAA Pitch, Cootehill (boys born 2014-2017), equip. supplied, Kevin Óg 0873126925

Fr Yusuf Bamai, PP 049 555 3035 or 089 964 5065

Email: kill@kilmorediocese.ie or drung@kilmorediocese.ie

Parish Office hours: **Tuesdays and Fridays, from 10.00am-12.30pm**

Landline: 049 589 3239

Parish Website: <http://kilsherdanyanddrungparish.com>

Office Email: kilsherdanyanddrungparish@gmail.com

Newsletter items due before 9pm on Wednesday

Webcam (for Live Streaming of Masses): www.churchtv.ie

Christenings are set for the last Saturday of the month at 12.30pm.

Other Priests of the Pastoral Area

Fr Darragh Connolly, PP Cootehill: 049 555 2120 / 086 322 4346

Most Rev. Dr. Martin Hayes, Diocesan Bishop, Kilmore

Diocesan Website: <https://www.kilmorediocese.ie>

Local Information & General News

Autumn Lecture Series – 2026 Cavan Library Service's lecture series for Autumn 2026 begins on Thursday 1st October at 7pm, in Johnston Central Library. Further details on each upcoming talk can be found on the website link: <https://www.cavanlibrary.ie/cavan-history/autumn-lectures-2026/>

What is university actually for? Queen's Catholic Chaplaincy is delighted to welcome Dr Paul Shrimpton, writer, historian and scholar of St John Henry Newman, for a public lecture exploring Newman's vision of human flourishing at university – and what it might still have to say to universities and society today.
Monday 12 October, 7.00pm. Queen's Catholic Chaplaincy, 30-38 Elmwood Avenue, Belfast. Students, staff, alumni and friends are warmly welcome. Admission free.

Leinster Retreat Day – All Welcome Catholic Mothers Ireland invite you to our Leinster Retreat Day on **Saturday, 7th Nov**, from 10am-6pm at Benburb Priory. A day of prayer, reflection, and spiritual renewal with guest speakers Fr Dominik Domagala, Dr Iva Beranek and Mrs Maria Steen. Lunch and refreshments provided. Cost: €50. Booking: www.catholicmothers.ie/retreats All welcome – bring a friend.

Want to support our work protecting unborn children and their mothers? Donate Auction Items Today! **2026 Pro Life Campaign Annual Online Fundraising Auction** is just around the corner! From **Nov 4-14**, you'll have the chance to support our important cause while bidding on an incredible selection of items.

Auction Items Needed. We are now accepting donations for our auction. Your generosity can make a big difference! Consider donating an item from the following categories:

- Jewellery
- Paintings
- Hotel Breaks
- Entertainment or Concert Tickets
- Dining Experience
- Beauty Spa Treatments
- Holiday Home

Sile Quinlan, Pro Life Campaign, 086 824 6507

P.S. Don't forget to register and mark your calendars for **November 4th – 14th! Registration will be announced soon.**

The Irish Cancer Society is seeking compassionate volunteer drivers to join our pool of drivers. For more information and to become a volunteer driver, please contact Monica or Emily at volunteer@irishcancer.ie

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO ASSISI - There are still a number of places available on this pilgrimage which takes place from Tuesday 24 to Sunday 29 November 2026 to mark the 800th anniversary of the death of St Francis of Assisi. Bishop Martin Hayes will lead the pilgrimage and Fr Seán Kelly OFM Cap. will be the Spiritual Director. Anyone wishing to participate in the pilgrimage should contact Marian Pilgrimages directly and as soon as possible on (01) 878 8159 as places are limited, especially for those seeking single room accommodation. The fare (including hotel accommodation on half-board basis, flights etc is €1,495 per person sharing and the single room supplement is an extra €450 per person). Please see poster on the church noticeboard. For further information, please contact the Diocesan Pastoral Centre in Cavan on 049 4375004 (Extension 102).

Abide Women's Conference, November 20-22, the Great Northern Hotel Bundoran, Co. Donegal. Speakers include: Sarah Swafford, Fr Barry Braum, Fr Mark Wharton, Kimberlee Wooling, Danielle Noonan, Nashville Dominicans & more, Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Fintan Gavin, from Cork & Ross Diocese. We would love to welcome you this weekend. For more details please visit Abide in His Love at [eventbrite.ie](https://abideinhislove.eventbrite.com) Registration link: <https://abideinhislove.eventbrite.com>